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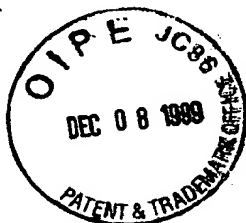
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. A copy of each of the listed documents is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

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The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.92(c) (i.e., after the mailing date of the first action; but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 CFR §1.311). Accordingly, the fee of \$240 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

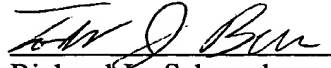
Japanese published application 64-11453 and 58-151734 listed on the attached PTO-1449 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. English translations of the Japanese documents are not readily available; however, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). JP 64-11453 relates to a flywheel assembly which includes flywheel 1, stopper ring 1a, elastic plate 2, crankshaft end 3a, circular member 3b, and bolts 5. The elastic plate 2 is made flexible to improve the durability of the elastic plate. The axial movement of the elastic plate 2 toward the crankshaft is limited by the stopper ring 1a. JP 58-151734 relates to a flywheel assembly which includes flywheel 5, elastic plate 6, bolts 3, crankshaft 1 and end of crankshaft 1a.

Copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 4,850,244; 4,889,009; 4,901,596; 4,904,226; 4,932,286; and, foreign patents EP0048563; JP57-58542; JP0090735; JP61-233240; JP63-190639; and JP1-67352, were cited and filed in the parent U.S. Patent No. 5,465,635. Copies of these documents are not provided in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d).

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

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